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Army Repulses Major Guerrilla Attack

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1. Army last night repulsed major guerrilla attack just south of Buenos Aires and killed at least 60 guerrillas. Army obviously had advance warning (a good sign that intelligence is beginning to function better). Thus, when over 100 guerrillas, including many young women, hit the Army arsenal at Monte Chingolo, reaction was quick. Army forces quickly surrounded arsenal and began to move in on trapped guerrillas. Army helicopters with lights hovered over battle area pinpointing targets. ~~NAFEXOS~~ *Aircraft* rocketed and machine-gunned guerrillas. Action began around 7 p.m. By midnight Army was simply mopping up. In addition to guerrillas killed (and death toll will probably be well above 60), Army took several prisoners.

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Security forces suffered some dozen casualties.

2. In diversionary actions, guerrillas also struck last night at Puente La Noria and in La Plata. In latter action, 7th Infantry Regiment was attacked, but attack quickly repulsed.

3. This clearly represents biggest victory Army has yet scored over guerrillas. Additional details will be reported by DAO.

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